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Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Response to Office Action; and
- (3) Appendix A.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office action of September 25, 2006, please note the following for the captioned application:

- (1) Amendments to the Claims are reflected in an Appendix A.
- (2) Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.